PRESIDENT : The question does not arise.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : I wanted to know how many.....

PRESIDENT : From the question of the bridges at Kollakadavu, the question of how many bridges were constructed in the last three years, does not arise.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : I just wanted to show.....

PRESIDENT : Order, order. Questions are either put to elicit answers or by way of propaganda. If it is by way of propaganda, the member in charge of the Department will know it and will try to see what the position is. But you cannot expect any honourable member of the Treasury Bench to answer how many bridges have been built. It is realised that what the honourable member means is to convey a reproach. The implicit reproach will be borne in mind.

Bridge across Thalliamattom Thodu.

483 * **MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI** (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have begun the construction of a bridge across Thalliamattom thodu in 2/3 Ambara-Monkombu road, Minachil taluk ; and

(*b*) if not, why ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Since the rates of the only quotation received were abnormally high, the work was not taken up.

Puthupally bridge.

484 * **MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether representations have been received by them about the condition of the Puthupally bridge ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what they have done ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : May I know from the honourable member whether he will be pleased to look into the matter ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I will look into it.

Bridge at Alwaye.

485 * **MR. M. K. MOHAMED :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) at what stage the proposal to construct a bridge at Alwaye to connect it with the new factory area now stands ;

(*b*) whether any particular site has been fixed for the construction of the bridge ; and

(*c*) if so, where ?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) The proposal has been sanctioned. Detailed investigation is being conducted.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) At a point lower down the river on the new road to the Aluminium Factory.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapally cum Kartikapally*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer has received a representation from me regarding this bridge?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: None recently. The last representation was in 1943.

MR. A. P. UDAYA BHANU: I wrote to the Chief Engineer some three weeks ago.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Very likely. This new name is foreign to me and I might have missed it.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether any provision has been made in the budget for the coming year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir. 486 to 490.

Drinking water in the Quilon town.

486 ***MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that there was acute scarcity of drinking water in the Quilon town during the last four months;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what steps were taken by Government to avoid a recurrence of such water scarcity in future; and

(*c*) whether any scheme for supply of drinking water to Quilon town is under the consideration of Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is being investigated.

(*c*) No.

Sea erosion in the Quilon taluk.

487 ***MR. K. A. MOHAMED:** May I know from the Government:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the inhabitants of the coastal areas of the Quilon taluk as to the hardships caused to them by the continuous sea erosion in the locality; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken in the matter?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation.

Government Offices at Chengannur.

488 ***MR. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are Government offices in Chengannur housed in private buildings; and

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